**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) An information processing unit for executing predetermined processing in response to a user input, comprising:

a key input section provided with a plurality of keys[[,]] for inputting data assigned to a pressed key;

a coordinate input section for performing a coordinate input according to a user's finger contact operation; [[and]]

a key-assignment control means for changing a key assignment in the key input section ~~according to the result of detection of a~~ in response to the user's finger contact~~, obtained~~ operation detected by the coordinate input section[[.]]; and

a designated-area storage means for storing content of a designated area,

wherein the coordinate input section designates the area when a predetermined key is pressed and then released in the key input section.

2. (Currently amended) [[An]] The information processing unit according to Claim 1,

wherein the key-assignment control means applies the key assignment for usual key input operations to each key of the key input section [[while]] when the coordinate input section does not detect the contact of [[a]] the user's finger, and changes the key

assignment to a specific key of the key input section ~~in response to the fact that~~ when the coordinate input section ~~has detected~~ detects the contact of [[a]] the user's finger.

3. (Currently amended) [[An]] The information processing unit according to Claim 1,

wherein the key-assignment control means assigns a function for designating an input-coordinate selection operation to a home-position key in the key input section in response to the ~~fact that the coordinate input section has detected the contact of a~~ user's finger contact operation detected by the coordinate input section.

4. (Currently amended) [[An]] The information processing unit according to Claim 1,

wherein the key-assignment control means assigns a menu selection function or another function to a key in the key input section in response to the ~~fact that the coordinate input section has detected the contact of a~~ user's finger contact operation detected by the coordinate input section.

5. (Currently amended) [[An]] The information processing unit according to Claim 1,

wherein the coordinate input section determines that [[a]] the user's finger has contacted~~, according to the fact that~~ the coordinate input section based on detection of the user's finger ~~was detected~~ within a past predetermined period.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently amended) [[An]] The information processing unit according to Claim [[6]] 1, further comprising:

a designated-area duplication means for duplicating the content stored by the designated-area storage means at a designated position, ~~in response to the fact that~~ wherein the coordinate input section designates the position [[while]] when a predetermined key is [[being]] pressed and then released in the key input section ~~and that the predetermined key is then released~~.

8. (Currently amended) A control method for an information processing unit ~~provided with~~ including a key input section and a coordinate input section[[,]] for performing an operation according to a user input operation, the control method comprising:

~~a step of~~ determining whether [[a]] the user input operation has been performed for the key input section;

~~a step of~~ detecting [[the]] contact of a user's finger on the coordinate input section;

~~a step of~~ performing a process according to [[the]] a position of the contact of the user's finger on the coordinate input section; [[and]]

~~a step of~~ interpreting the user input operation performed for the key input section according to whether or not the contact of the user's finger on the coordinate input section has occurred[[.]]; and

storing content of a designated area,

wherein the coordinate input section designates the area when a predetermined key is pressed and then released in the key input section.

9. (Currently amended) [[A]] The control method for the information processing unit ~~for performing an operation according to a user input operation,~~ according to Claim 8,

wherein[[,]] in the step of interpreting the user input operation performed for the key input section, a key assignment for usual key input operations is applied to each key of the key input section [[while]] when the coordinate input section does not detect the contact of [[a]] the user's finger, and the key assignment is changed to a specific key of the key input section ~~is changed~~ in response to the ~~fact that the coordinate input section has detected the~~ contact of [[a]] the user's finger detected by the coordinate input section.

10. (Currently amended) [[A]] The control method for the information processing unit ~~for performing an operation according to a user input operation,~~ according to Claim 8,

wherein[[,]] in the step of interpreting the user input operation performed for the key input section, a function for designating an input-coordinate selection operation is assigned to a home-position key in the key input section in response to the ~~fact that the coordinate input section has detected the~~ contact of [[a]] the user's finger detected by the coordinate input section.

11. (Currently amended) [[A]] The control method for the information processing unit ~~for performing an operation according to a user input operation,~~ according to Claim 8,

wherein[[,]] in the step of interpreting the user input operation performed for the key input section, a menu selection function or another function is assigned to a key in the key input section in response to the ~~fact that the~~ ~~coordinate input section has detected~~ ~~the~~ contact of [[a]] the user's finger detected by the coordinate input section.

12. (Currently amended) [[A]] The control method ~~for the information processing unit for performing an operation according to a user input operation,~~ according to Claim 8,

wherein[[,]] in the step of detecting the contact of [[a]] the user's finger on the coordinate input section, ~~it is determined that a~~ the contact of the user's finger ~~has contacted, according to the fact that~~ is determined based on detection of the user's finger ~~was detected~~ within a past predetermined period.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently amended) [[A]] The control method for the information processing unit ~~for performing an operation according to a user input operation,~~ according to Claim [[13]] 8, the control method further comprising:

~~a designated-area duplication step of~~ duplicating the content stored in the step of storing content of the designated-area ~~storage step~~ at a designated position, ~~in response to the fact that~~

wherein the coordinate input section designates the position [[while]] when a predetermined key is [[being]] pressed and then released in the key input section ~~and that the predetermined key is then released~~.

15. (Currently amended) A computer readable medium having a program ~~having described, in a computer readable format, an operation performed~~ for causing a computer to perform a control method in response to a user input operation~~, of a computer system provided with~~ on a key input section and a coordinate input section, the ~~computer program~~ method comprising:

~~a step of~~ determining whether [[a]] the user input operation has been performed for the key input section;

~~a step of~~ detecting [[the]] contact of a user's finger on the coordinate input section;

~~a step of~~ performing a process according to [[the]] a position of the contact of the user's finger on the coordinate input section; [[and]]

~~a step of~~ interpreting the user input operation performed for the key input section according to whether or not the contact of the user's finger on the coordinate input section has occurred[[.]]; and

storing content of a designated area;

wherein the coordinate input section designates the area when a predetermined key is pressed and then released in the key input section.

16. (Currently amended) An information processing method for executing predetermined processing in response to a user input, comprising the steps of:

receiving key input information according to a user's key input operation on a key input means;

receiving coordinate input information according to a user's finger contact operation on a coordinate input means;

recognizing the user input based on the received key input and the coordinate input information, wherein [[the]] key assignment of the key input information [[being]] is changed when the received coordinate input information is in a predefined state; [[and]]

executing the processing in response to the recognized user input[[.]]; and

storing content of a designated area,

wherein a coordinate input section designates the area when a predetermined key is pressed and then released in the key input section.